

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 12, 1858.—Agreed to, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MALLORY submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel James, Ignatius Lucas, Charles Lilley, and Thomas S. Bingey, have had the same under consideration, and thereupon report :*

The petitioners claim compensation for extra services performed by them as watchmen at the Navy Department, and ask a reference of their accounts to the officers of the treasury, to be adjusted and paid by them according to certain rules of compensation heretofore recommended (as they allege) by the Secretaries of the Navy. The services are alleged to have commenced in 1842, and to have continued up to 1850.

Your committee referred the case to the Navy Department for a report upon the facts, and received in reply the following letter from the Secretary of the Navy :

NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
March 23, 1858.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge your reference, on the 17th inst., to this department of the petition of Samuel James and others, watchmen in the southwest executive building, for additional compensation. On the 12th of September, 1838, Mr. Paulding, then Secretary of the Navy, defined the hours between which watch should be kept in the building of the Navy Department, from 3 p. m. to 8 a. m.; and this custom has prevailed ever since. At the time this order was given, the watchmen received \$500 per annum each. The legalizing act of August 26, 1842, fixed the salary of the watchmen at \$365, and it so continued until the act of September 30, 1850, increased it again to \$500, commencing on the 1st July, 1850. In reply to the inquiry what amount is involved in these applications, I would state,

that if the claim is made for the difference between \$500 and \$365 per annum, viz., \$135, there would be due, if allowed, to

Ignatius Lucas, from August 26, 1842, to July 1, 1850.....	\$1,059 45
Samuel James, from August 26, 1842, to July 1, 1850.....	1,059 45
Thomas S. Binge, from August 26, 1842, to April 22, 1848	763 86
Charles Tilley, from April 24, 1848, to July 1, 1850.....	294 84

Making a total of.....	3,177 60
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It is, perhaps, proper to state, that Ignatius Lucas also received \$750 per annum for his services as a messenger in the department during the period above mentioned.

The petition is herewith returned.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ISAAC TOUCEY.

Hon. S. R. MALLORY,

*Chairman Com. on Naval Affairs, U. S. Senate.*

Upon this statement, your committee do not deem the memorialists entitled to relief, and therefore report adversely to their prayer, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.